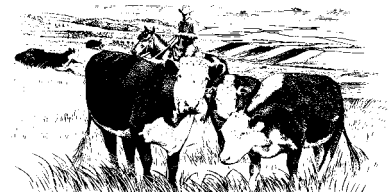


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CALIFORNIA CATTLE ON FEED

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter in California feedlots totaled 410 thousand head on June 1, 2000, 1 percent above last month and 11 percent above June 1999. During May, placements of 65.0 thousand head were 18 percent above the previous year. Marketings of 52.0 thousand head were 4 percent above May 1999. Other disappearance totaled 8.00 thousand head.

Marketings of fed cattle during May totaled 2.17 million, 9 percent above 1999 and 11 percent above 1998. Other disappearance totaled 115 thousand during May, 16 percent above 1999 and up 24 percent from 1998.

U.S. CATTLE ON FEED UP 9 PERCENT

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 10.93 million head on June 1, 2000. The inventory was 9 percent above June 1, 1999 and 13 percent above June 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.30 million, 12 percent above 1999 and 13 percent above 1998. Net placements were 2.19 million. During May, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 382 thousand, 600-699 pounds were 470 thousand, 700-799 pounds were 794 thousand, and 800 pounds and greater were 658 thousand.

CATTLE ON FEED UP 10 PERCENT IN HISTORIC SEVEN STATES

Cattle on feed June 1, 2000 in the historic seven states for 1,000+ capacity feedlots totaled 9.41 million, up 10 percent from the previous year and 13 percent above June 1, 1998. Placements in feedlots during May totaled 2.00 million, 15 percent above both 1999 and 1998. Marketings during May totaled 1.88 million, 10 percent above 1999 and up 11 percent from 1998. Other disappearance during May was 85.0 thousand head, 16 percent above 1999 and 31 percent above 1998.

CATTLE AND CALVES ON FEED IN 1,000+ CAPACITY FEEDLOTS IN SEVEN SELECTED STATES

| State | Number On Feed May 1 1/ | | | Placed During May | | Marketed During May | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|-----------------------|-------------------|-------|---------------------|---------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 2000/1999 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | Thousand Head | | | | | | |
| Arizona | 208 | 276 | 133 | 30 | 37 | 26 | 32 |
| California | 375 | 405 | 108 | 55 | 65 | 50 | 52 |
| Colorado | 1,120 | 1,180 | 105 | 180 | 195 | 200 | 180 |
| Iowa | 350 | 370 | 106 | 38 | 40 | 55 | 58 |
| Kansas | 1,980 | 2,230 | 113 | 480 | 550 | 430 | 470 |
| Nebraska | 2,120 | 2,240 | 106 | 330 | 390 | 430 | 510 |
| Texas | 2,430 | 2,660 | 109 | 620 | 720 | 505 | 565 |
| Seven-State Total | 8,583 | 9,361 | 109 | 1,733 | 1,997 | 1,696 | 1,867 |
| State | Other Disappearance During May 2/ | | Number On Feed June 1 | | | 2000/1999 | |
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | | | |
| | Thousand Head | | | | | | Percent |
| Arizona | 5 | 5 | 207 | 276 | 133 | | |
| California | 10 | 8 | 370 | 410 | 111 | | |
| Colorado | 10 | 15 | 1,090 | 1,180 | 108 | | |
| Iowa | 3 | 2 | 330 | 350 | 106 | | |
| Kansas | 10 | 20 | 2,020 | 2,290 | 113 | | |
| Nebraska | 20 | 20 | 2,000 | 2,100 | 105 | | |
| Texas | 15 | 15 | 2,530 | 2,800 | 111 | | |
| Seven-State Total | 73 | 85 | 8,547 | 9,406 | 110 | | |

^{1/} Cattle and calves on feed are animals being fed for slaughter market on grain or other concentrates, and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

^{2/} Includes death losses, movement from feedlot to pastures and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

CALIFORNIA COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER

California's production of red meat during May 2000 totaled 89.9 million pounds (dressed weight), up 13 percent from last month and 5 percent above May 1999. This figure includes slaughter in Federally-inspected and State-inspected plants, but excludes slaughter done on farms. In May 2000, the average live weight of cattle slaughtered was 1,244 pounds; calves, 191 pounds; and hogs 215 pounds.

U.S. PORK AND RED MEAT PRODUCTION SET RECORD HIGHS BEEF PRODUCTION EQUALS RECORD HIGH

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 3.88 billion pounds in May, 8 percent higher than the 3.60 billion pounds produced in May 1999 and 3 percent higher than the previous record high for May set in 1996.

May 1999 contained 21 weekdays (including one holiday) and five Saturdays. May 2000 contained 23 weekdays (including one holiday) and four Saturdays.

Beef production, at 2.30 billion pounds, was 7 percent above the previous year and equaled the previous record high for May set in 1996. Cattle slaughter totaled 3.18 million head, up 6 percent from 1999. The average live weight was up 8 pounds from the previous year to 1,196 pounds.

Veal production totaled 19.0 million pounds, 13 percent above May a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 92.0 thousand head, up 3 percent from May 1999. The average live weight, at 340 pounds, was 29 pounds above last year.

Pork production totaled 1.54 billion pounds, 9 percent higher than the previous year and 1 percent higher than the previous record high for May set in 1995. Hog kill totaled 7.95 million head, 7 percent above 1999. The average live weight was 263 pounds, 4 pounds above the previous year.

Lamb and mutton production, at 17.0 million pounds, was down 3 percent from the previous record low for May set in 1999. Sheep slaughter totaled 259 thousand head, 4 percent below last year. The average live weight was 135 pounds, unchanged from May a year ago.

January - May red meat production was 18.9 billion pounds, 1 percent higher than the comparable figure a year earlier. Accumulated beef production was 3 percent higher than last year, veal was up 2 percent, pork was down 2 percent, and lamb & mutton was down 2 percent.

COMMERCIAL SLAUGHTER, MAY 1999-00 1/

| Species and Location | Number Slaughtered | | Total Live Weight | | Average Live Weight | |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---------|-------------------|-----------|---------------------|----------------|
| | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 | 1999 | 2000 |
| | 1,000 Head | | 1,000 Pounds | | Pounds | |
| CATTLE | | | | | | |
| California | 79.4 | 85.6 | 98,980 | 106,471 | 1,246 | 1,244 |
| U.S. Total | 2,996.8 | 3,176.0 | 3,559,386 | 3,799,466 | 1,188 | 1,196 |
| CALVES | | | | | | |
| California | 9.9 | 10.0 | 1,466 | 1,911 | 149 | 191 |
| U.S. Total | 89.4 | 92.1 | 27,781 | 31,328 | 311 | 340 |
| SHEEP & LAMBS | | | | | | |
| California | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| U.S. Total | 270.2 | 259.4 | 36,433 | 34,980 | 135 | 135 |
| HOGS | | | | | | |
| California | 193.1 | 197.0 | 41,537 | 42,436 | 215 | 215 |
| U.S. Total | 7,438.9 | 7,945.4 | 1,929,425 | 2,087,451 | 259 | 263 |
| RED MEAT | May 1999 | | April 2000 2/ | May 2000 | May 00 May 99 | May 00 Apr. 00 |
| | Million Pounds | | | Percent | | |
| | California | 85.3 | 79.4 | 89.9 | 105 | 113 |
| U.S. Total | 3,603.3 | 3,460.1 | 3,877.8 | 108 | 112 | |

1/ Farm slaughter excluded.

2/ Revised figures for April 1999 total.

AVERAGE FARM PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS, CALIFORNIA AND U.S. 1/

| Commodity | Unit | California | | | United States | | |
|-----------------------|------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|------------|--------------|
| | | May 1999 | April 2000 | May 15, 2000 | May 1999 | April 2000 | May 15, 2000 |
| | | Dollars | | | | | |
| All Hay, Baled 2/ | Ton | 98.00 | 100.00 | 89.00 | 92.60 | 80.70 | 89.40 |
| Alfalfa, Baled 2/ | Ton | 102.00 | 101.00 | 91.00 | 96.60 | 84.50 | 93.90 |
| Hogs 2/ 3/ | Cwt. | --- | --- | --- | 36.60 | 47.30 | 48.80 |
| Cows 2/ | Cwt. | 36.20 | 36.50 | 36.50 | 36.40 | 39.80 | 39.00 |
| Steers and Heifers 2/ | Cwt. | 62.50 | 72.00 | 71.00 | 65.20 | 75.20 | 73.20 |
| Calves 2/ | Cwt. | 74.00 | 94.50 | 94.50 | 87.60 | 111.00 | 109.00 |
| Sheep 2/ | Cwt. | 29.00 | 36.00 | --- | 31.50 | 35.00 | --- |
| Lambs 2/ | Cwt. | 83.00 | 81.00 | --- | 82.80 | 82.60 | --- |
| Milk Cows 4/ | Head | --- | 1,500.00 | --- | --- | 1,340.00 | --- |
| All Milk Wholesale 2/ | Cwt. | 12.03 | 11.19 | 11.40 | 12.70 | 11.90 | 12.00 |

1/ The estimated prices in the table represent composite average prices received by farmers and are averages for all grades, classes, and methods of sale of each commodity for the State and U.S. as a whole.

2/ Previous month revised to monthly average.

3/ Price includes barrows, gilts, and sows.

4/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published January, April, July and October.

U.S. HOG INVENTORY DOWN 2 PERCENT

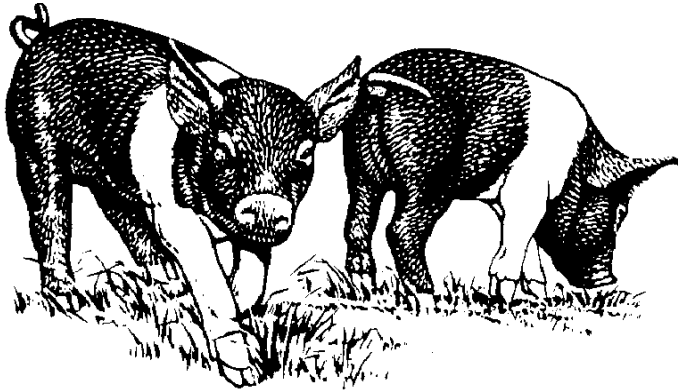
U.S. inventory of all hogs and pigs on June 1, 2000 was 59.4 million head. This was 2 percent below June 1999, but 2 percent above March 1, 2000.

Breeding inventory, at 6.23 million head, was down 4 percent from June 1, 1999, but up slightly from March 1, 2000. Market hog inventory, at 53.2 million head, was 2 percent below last year, but 2 percent above last quarter.

The March-May 2000 U.S. pig crop, at 25.8 million head, was 2 percent less than 1999 and 4 percent less than 1998. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.91 million head, 3 percent below last year. The sows farrowed during this quarter represented 47 percent of the breeding herd. The average pigs per litter rose to 8.89 pigs saved per litter for the March-May period, compared to 8.80 pigs last year. Pigs saved per litter by size of operation ranged from 7.80 for operations with 1-99 hogs to 9.00 for operations with more than 5.00 thousand hogs and pigs.

U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the June-August 2000 quarter, 2 percent below the actual farrowings during the same period in 1999 and 7 percent below 1998. Intended farrowings for September-November 2000, at 2.86 million sows, are 1 percent above the same period last year, but 4 percent below 1998.

The total number of hogs under contract, owned by operations with more than 5.00 thousand head, but raised by contractees, accounted for 32 percent of the total U.S. hog inventory, 2 percent more than last year.



U.S. HOG AND PIG INVENTORY, JUNE 1, 1998-00

| Item | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2000/1998 | 2000/1999 |
|----------------------|------------|--------|--------|-----------|-----------|
| | 1,000 Head | | | Percent | |
| June 1 Inventory | | | | | |
| All Hogs And Pigs | 62,213 | 60,896 | 59,397 | 95 | 98 |
| Kept For Breeding | 6,958 | 6,515 | 6,234 | 90 | 96 |
| Market | 55,254 | 54,380 | 53,164 | 96 | 98 |
| Market Hogs And Pigs | | | | | |
| By Weight Groups: | | | | | |
| Under 60 Pounds | 21,482 | 20,532 | 20,188 | 94 | 98 |
| 60-119 Pounds | 13,711 | 13,501 | 13,247 | 97 | 98 |
| 120-179 Pounds | 11,084 | 11,076 | 10,700 | 97 | 97 |
| 180 Pounds And Over | 8,978 | 9,272 | 9,029 | 101 | 97 |